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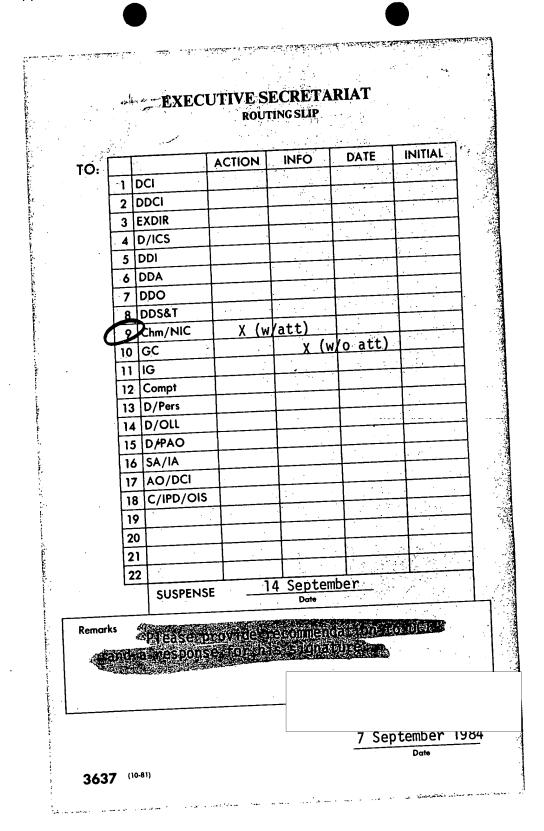
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Thanks.

cc: D/OGI

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September 6, 1984

The Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Attention: Office of General Counsel

Dear Mr. Casey:

The President's Commission on Organized Crime was established by Presidential Executive Order 12435 on July 28, 1983, in part, to examine the threat posed today by criminal organizations, to expose that threat to the public, and to recommend to the President and to the Attorney General ways in which the effectiveness of these organizations might be neutralized in the future. For these reasons, the Commission has gone right to the heart of the matter, that is, the mob's money.

The Commission is in the final stages of the preparation of a report to the President and to the Attorney Genral which will suggest new, aggressive means to combat the money laundering process at its most crucial point, the introduction of cash into the international financial system. The Central Intelligence Agency has completed a study entitled "The International Flow of Drug Money: Implications for U.S. Policy." The study is well reasoned, recognizes that its judgments are only as good as the information available, and parallels the work of the Commission's staff.

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The Commission believes that public disclosure of limited portions of the study would further the goals for which the Commission was created, by heightening public awareness of the danger to our financial institutions inherent in their routine use by organized crime, in all its forms. Disclosure of the magnitude of this problem would also provide important support for the efforts of those, including the Commission, who seek to make our financial institutions off limits to the mob.

After considering these factors, the Commission requests that only certain portions of the study be declassified for public disclosure. Those portions are underlined or boxed out in red in a copy of selected pages of the study annexed to this letter. We suggest that such a use of the study recognizes the view of the President that the Commission's limited resources should be augmented by assistance from federal agencies where necessary:

The heads of executive agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide the Commission such information as it may require for the purposes of carrying out its function.

Exec. Order No. 12435, §3(a), 48 Fed. Reg. 34723 (1983).

Disclosure of limited portions of the study is crucial to the Commission's public analysis. In advance of declassification, the Commission would like to thank the Central Intelligence Agency and the other agencies which participated in the study, for making a significant contribution to the effort against organized crime through their thorough examination of the money laundering problem.

sincerely,

James D. Harmon.Jr.

Enclosure: a/s

cc: Andrew B. Golkow, Esq.

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